



ATTORNEY GENERAL STEVE CARTER

Indiana Attorney General Steve Carter was elected to his second term in 2004.

During his first term as Attorney General, Steve focused his efforts on combating public corruption, as well as implementing efficiency throughout the office and providing support to some of the state's most vulnerable citizens.

Steve Carter has taken aggressive action to prosecute public officials in "voter fraud" and "public corruption" investigations. Much of this work has been centered on East Chicago in Northwest Indiana where the Office has been involved in an investigation of that city for gross misuse of public funds.

The Attorney General's staff spent thousands of hours investigating the case and unraveled a complex maze of corruption which resulted in the filing of a civil Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organization (RICO) lawsuit against the former Mayor and 26 other public officials and private companies. A separate criminal investigation, of which the Attorney General assisted, has also resulted in several indictments including that of a judge, and is ongoing. The U.S. Department of Justice has also joined in this investigation.

Steve Carter also took an unprecedented step of encouraging the Indiana Supreme Court to reverse the election results in the democratic primary election in East Chicago after widespread voter fraud was detected. Carter's office participated on behalf of the State of Indiana to protect the integrity of the absentee voting process for all citizens in the state. The Indiana Supreme Court ultimately ruled that a special election occur to remedy the harm of the voter fraud.

While Steve Carter's efforts to root-out public corruption has been a prominent part of his first term, his focus to detail and emphasis on efficiency in providing state services is unparalleled. Some of his accomplishments include:

- **Returning more than \$54 million dollars** of unclaimed property to its rightful owners in 2006, an eight-fold increase since first taking office in 2001.
- **Doubling the amount of funds collected from individuals and companies that owe the state** to more than \$7.4 million through 2004.
- **Reducing the amount of money** the state pays out in tort claim lawsuits and settlements by nearly 50 percent since taking office.
- **Implementing and enforcing the countries strongest Do Not Call law**
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Steve Carter has also heeded the call to assist some of our most vulnerable citizens, implementing the Indiana's Address Confidentiality Program to assist domestic violence victims

in need of a confidential address, and increasing participation and support to senior citizen groups through a network of local advocacy groups known as Triad.

Education:

Steve Carter graduated with honors from Harvard University, receiving his bachelor of arts degree in economics. He earned a J.D. and an M.B.A. from Indiana University graduate Schools of Law and Business.

Personal:

Steve was born in Lafayette, Indiana and grew up on his family's farm in south Lake County. He attended public schools in and near Lowell, Indiana. His mother is a retired schoolteacher and his father is a retired farmer and realtor. Steve and his wife Marilyn, a television journalist, have three children.

Government:

Steve was inaugurated for a second term as Attorney General on January 10, 2005. His former positions include:

- Chief City County attorney for Indianapolis, Marion County
- Legislative Counsel for the Indiana State Senate
- Agricultural Assistant and Chief of Staff to Indiana Lt. Governor John Mutz